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In response to the "Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US)" mailed by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on February 14, 2001, the following documents are enclosed to complete the filing of the above-identified patent application:

- A declaration signed by the inventor in compliance with 37 CFR 1. 1.497(a) and (b).
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